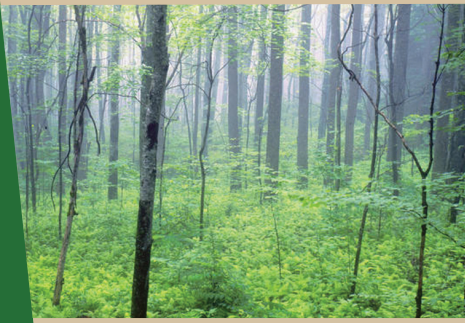
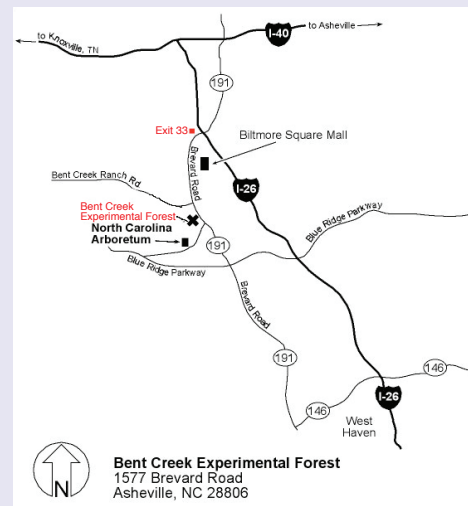


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North Carolina State University
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Bent Creek Experimental Forest was established in 1925 on the Pisgah National Forest.



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INVITES YOU ...

Spring Forest Festival

*Celebrating National and
Experimental Forests of
North Carolina*

April 2, 2011

On the Bent Creek
Experimental Forest
Historical Site

TEL: 828-667-5261

TIME: 10:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

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Spring Forest Festival

The USDA Forest Service invites everyone to a spring forest festival at the Bent Creek Experimental Forest on Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to celebrate the national and experimental forests of North Carolina. Kids of all ages are invited to attend the special event dedicated to commemorating and sharing the many benefits provided by national and experimental forests of North Carolina. The event is free and open to the public. The Forest Service is conducting the celebration as part of the 100th anniversary of the Weeks Act, which led to the creation of the Pisgah and other national and experimental forests in the East. Festival partners include the Forest Service and other conservation organizations across the region. The event will feature fun, educational activities, interpretive programs and presentations, a tour of Bent Creek and special guest Smokey Bear. The USDA Forest Service National Forests of North Carolina, Bent Creek Experimental Forest, and the Southern Research Station are hosting the event.



Memorial Arch at entrance to Pisgah National Forest, created in part with land purchased from the Vanderbilt family in western North Carolina.

FUN, INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS, PRESENTATIONS, A TOUR, SMOKEY BEAR AND MORE!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 Opening Welcome

Katie Greenberg, Project Leader, Bent Creek Experimental Forest
Randy Burgess, Ranger, Pisgah National Forest

10:30-12:00 East Fork Gals

Interpretive program introducing the history of the Southern Appalachians through songs and traditional fiddle tunes.

12:00-12:45 “Celebrating 100 Years of National Forests in the East”—A Weeks Act Presentation

By James Lewis, Historian, The Forest History Society—Dr. Lewis will give a presentation on North Carolina’s central role in passage of the Weeks Act and creation of the national and experimental forests in the East, and how they benefit us today.

1:00-2:00 Tour of Bent Creek

Henry McNab, Research Forester, Bent Creek Experimental Forest—Meet at Rice Pinnacle Parking area at 1:00. Mr. McNab will conduct a short tour and discuss the history of Bent Creek Experimental Forest and research projects.

1:00-2:30 Carolina Coal Rollers

Interpretive program introducing the history of the Southern Appalachians in the early 1900s through stories and songs.

2:00-2:30 Paul Aderegg

Introduction to the history, styles, music, and steps of Appalachian percussive Flat-foot dancing. Through stories of early settlers to tales from the Civil War, the audience will learn how this early form of dance became the basis of many forms of dance today.

2:45-3:00 Closing Remarks

Susan Fox, Assistant Director, Southern Research Station

ONGOING EVENTS

North Carolina Wildlife Resources

Commission (NCWRC) – Mobile Aquarium

Come see and learn about NCWRC’s trout program. The mobile aquarium features two 300-gallon tanks, each with its own separate aeration, filtration, and cooling systems. These separate life-support systems enable the Commission to display cold-water fish such as trout and warm-water fish such as bluegill.

Plant Identification Nature Walk

Learn to identify native plants, shrubs, and trees with Tracy Roof and Jacqui Adams, Forestry Technicians with the Bent Creek Experimental Forest.

“Magic at the Cradle”—the Cradle of Forestry in America’s New Movie

The locally produced Magic at the Cradle is a green fable filmed on location in the Pisgah National Forest and created in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the Blue Ridge Natural Heritage Area. The thought-provoking film encourages all ages to appreciate the complexity and diversity of the natural world. Show times (37 minutes) include: 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30.

Smokey Bear

Come meet the USDA Forest Service’s favorite mascot. Smokey Bear will visit throughout the day.

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE TO SUPPORT A LOCAL CUB SCOUT TROOP.